DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN NORTH-EAST

3092. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a twelfth century temple complex with predominantly saivite sculpture 35 kilometres from Guwahati holds tremendous scope for tourism as the area is also rich in wild life; and

(b) if so, what are the details of steps that Government have taken or propose to take to develop an ecologically sound infrastructure for tourism in this area as well as in other areas of the North East ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of ecologically sound infrastructure for tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Central Department of Tourism have extended financial assistance to the States of North East including Assam for setting up touristic facilities connected with wild life and other environmental aspects.

DECISION TO SELL BOEING 737 PLANES

3093. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has decided to sell 8 out of its 26 Boeing 737s ;

(b) the number of the total fleet of Vayudoot which are now operational ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to sell at the Avros and Dorniers of the Vayudoot ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Indian Airlines has invited offers from parties interested in buying or dry-leasing Boeing 737 aircraft from the airlines.

(b) At present 1 Avro and 2 Dornier aircraft of Vayudoot are operational.

(c) There is no proposal to sell the Avro and Dorniers of Vayudoot at present.

DUES AGAINST PRIVATE SECTOR AIRLINES

3094. SHRI RAJUBHAI A PARMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of dues, recovered from and outstanding against different private sector airlines, separately as on 30th November, 1993 towards use of hangers landing and take off facilities at airports and use of other infrastructure maintained by Airport Authorities and other Government departments; and

(b) what is the regulation and control exercised by Government and different public undertakings and corporations over the private sector airlines, including that in respect of maintenance of aircraft ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) The Air Taxi operators are issued permits by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) subject to the condition that they will abide by the guidelines for Air Taxi operations issued by the Government.

As regards maintenance of aircraft of private airlines, preventive maintenance schedules are prepared based on manufacturer's recommendations and the same are approved by the DGCA. Maintenance activities of private airlines are under surveillance by the DGCA to ensure compliance of airworthiness standards.

PRIVATION OF CATERING SERVICE BY AIR INDIA

3095. SHRI RAMDEO BHANDARI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to negligent and indifferent attitude of the Air India management the entire catering service is being transferred to private parties ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Cheffair flight catering was earning about Rs. 30 lacs p.m. and incurring about Rs. 17 lacs p.m. on its establishment etc. prior to handling over a part of flight catering to private parties ;

(c) if so, on what specific consideration such a profitable service is being transferred from Cheffair flight Catering Service to private parties ;

(d) whether Government would review its decision and instead of privatising the air catering services would consider to merge 'Cheffair' flight catering with Air India as was done in the case of Vayudoot-Indian Airlines merger and merger of National Airport Authority with International Airport Authority ; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (e) Flight catering services to Aeroflot are being provided by Cheffair, an unit of Hotel Corporation of India. Income on this account was about Rs. 15.50 lakhs per month, including income worth Rs. 2.00 lakhs for supplying meals for charter flights and crew, Aeroflot has decided to shift the catering contract from Cheffair to another party for supplying meals for charter flights and crew; this decision has ben taken by Aerobot in their commercial judgement.

Cheffair flight catering unit is a part of Hotel Corporation of India, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India. There is no proposal for merging it with Air India.

गैर-सरकारी कम्पनियों द्वारा एयर टैक्सियों का चलाया जाना

3096. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :--

(क) 30 नवम्बर 1993 तक कितनी गैर सरकारी कम्पनियों को एयर टैक्सियां चलाने की अनुमति दी गई :

(ख) इन एयरलाईन्स के नाम क्या क्या हैं तथा उनके साथ हुए समझौते का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) कितने आवेदन पत्र लम्बित पड़े हैं

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (ग) 30-11-1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार 17 आपरेटरों के पास हवाई टैक्सी प्रचालनों के लिए परमिट थे। विवरण संलग्न है (इन आपरेटरों को नागर विमानन महानिदेशक द्वारा जारी किये गये) (समय समय पर यथासंशोधित) 1990 के ए. आई सी संख्या 24 के अधीन हवाई टैक्सी आपरेटर परमिट जारी किये गए है । इन आपरेटरों के साथ किसी भी करार पर हस्ताक्षर करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

30-11-1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार अन्य 20 कम्पनियों ने हवाई टैक्सी आपरेटर परमिट की स्वीकृति हेतु आरंभिक प्रबंध करने के लिए "अनापत्ति प्रमाणपत्र लिया था जिसकी मंजूरी हवाई टैक्सी मार्गदर्शी सिद्धान्तों में निर्धारित शर्तों को पूरा करने के बाद ही दी जा सकती है।

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